

TONOPAH TOWN BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 22, 2016
Tonopah Convention Center
301 Brougner Avenue, Tonopah, NV 89049

Tonopah Town Board Vice-Chairman Tom Seley called the meeting to order on June 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Clerk Janet Hatch and Board Member Don Kaminski. Board Member Doug Farinholt was present after 8:06 p.m. Chairman Duane Downing was absent. Nine others were in attendance. Vice-Chairman Seley led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The items were taken out of order to accommodate petitioners.

The Town Board recessed to the Library Board of Trustees at 7:26 p.m. and reconvened as the Town Board at 7:36 p.m.

1. Public Comment

None.

3. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to approve use of Tonopah Rodeo Grounds/Arena for 3rd Annual Tonopah Trail Challenge – L.E.A.N. Benefit to be held August 12 – 14, 2016.

Petitioner Alisha Brown stated that she is involving Central Nevada Grange this year. She noted that there will be events in the morning with lower fees as a Grange fundraiser.

Ms. Brown asked the Board to donate using the stalls for the event. Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli clarified that the Town does not charge for the stalls for the rodeo. Alisha Brown said she was charged last year. The Board agreed not to charge Ms. Brown for the usage of the stalls, but allow her to charge other people who are attending the event as she is “renting” the arena for that weekend.

Vice-Chairman Tom Seley asked if she has a lot of entries. Ms. Brown stated that she has a lot of sign ups already and a lot of new participants.

Alisha Brown pointed out that the Hope Floats Animal Foundation will be hosting a BBQ as a fundraiser.

Mr. Seley inquired how many years Ms. Brown has been hosting this event. She clarified that this is the 6th year for the event.

Janet Hatch motioned to approve the use of the Tonopah Rodeo Grounds/Arena for the 3rd Annual Tonopah Trail Challenge to be held August 12-14, 2016. Don Kaminski seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

Alisha Brown stated that Central Nevada Grange will cover the insurance for the event.

4. Discussion, deliberation and possible action to approve request of 5/8th Room Tax Grant to advertise and promote the 3rd Annual Tonopah Trail Challenge.

Petitioner Alisha Brown pointed out that she has never asked for grant funds in the past years. The funds would cover the cost of nine buckles and other awards that will say "Tonopah, NV" on them. She added that they will also have T-shirts promoting the event and Tonopah. She stressed that the grant funds will help offer better awards so that the event can continue to attract more participants and visitors. She emphasized that she will be ordering all awards from vendors in the State of Nevada.

Board Member Don Kaminski asked whether people can watch the events which Ms. Brown affirmed. She added that the event is free of charge.

Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli asked Ms. Brown to share flyers with Town staff so they can help promote the event with posting it on the Town website and Facebook page. Ms. Brown noted that KIBS radio does not charge them for the advertising as they are a non-profit. Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns added that the Town will add the event to the regular advertising.

Janet Hatch motioned to approve the request of 5/8th Room Tax Grant to advertise and promote the 3rd Annual Tonopah Trail Challenge in the amount of \$3,685.00. Don Kaminski seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

2. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to accept the renewal proposal from Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool (POOL) and approval for payment from Fiscal Year 2016-2017 funds.

Ken Eason of Eason Insurance introduced himself and handed out brochures that show the membership benefits. Vice-Chairman Tom Seley asked whether there were any major changes from last year's policy. Mr. Eason explained that there was only a little bit of change. He noted that the pollution coverage is new. He stressed that due to appraisals of all buildings last year and the Town's buildings being high in value, the Town's premium came down. Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns pointed out that the premium came down from \$27,265.40 to \$24,233.83.

Ken Eason noted that the insurance has a "cyber coverage" which covers in case someone's private information gets out. He added that the insurance also covers the Board making a wrong decision (for \$5 million).

Mr. Eason pointed out that POOL offers classes on management, Human Resources, etc. and offer help when needed. Chris Mulkerns stated Town staff utilizes the training opportunities and possibility to ask for advice frequently.

Ken Eason added that the insurance covers earthquakes and floods, including flash floods.

Janet Hatch motioned to accept the renewal proposal from the Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool (POOL) and approval for payment from Fiscal Year 2016-2017 funds in the amount \$24,233.83 Don Kaminski seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to appoint Chief Financial Officer of the Town of Tonopah for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Vice-Chairman Tom Seley noted that this is the same item as on the Library agenda and suggested appointing Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns as Chief Financial Officer.

Janet Hatch motioned to appoint Chief Financial Officer of the Town of Tonopah for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 as Chris Mulkerns. Don Kaminski seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

6. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to create an I-11 Corridor Committee.

Utility Manager Joe Westerlund explained that this item came about as he went through Hawthorne when they had an I-11 meeting in their Town. He stressed that the Town of Tonopah does not have to make quick decisions, but the Board and staff should look towards the future and have a contact in the State to ask questions or make suggestions.

Mr. Westerlund noted that the I-11 will not go through Tonopah, but will bypass it. He noted that they will probably have to go behind T-Mountain. He proposed having a committee that can talk to the State on where the Town wants on and off ramps or have advertising available. Vice-Chairman Tom Seley suggested contacting the BLM.

Joe Westerlund pointed out that a committee can take care of asking questions and getting answers years in advance. He emphasized the importance of being involved in the planning stages.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stressed that the Town submitted comments a year ago. She has been in contact with BEC Environmental who say there is nothing new.

Vice-Chairman Tom Seley stated that a lot of construction is already taking place so that certain areas only need "refreshing" when I-11 is being constructed. He stated that he thinks it is a great idea to have a committee. He asked who should be on that committee. Joe Westerlund answered that it should be a diverse group. Mr. Seley suggested having business owners, Town employees etc. He added that the Town should try to get on an e-mail distribution list.

Tom Seley directed staff to look into the creation of an I-11 corridor committee. He suggested this be discussed at Rotary meetings and with other community organizations. Tonopah resident Cindy Kaminski added that Main Street businesses should be approached.

Joe Westerlund pointed out that Tonopah is centrally located and could have signage along the I-11 to advertise businesses, hotels and restaurants so that travelers know what is available. Tom Seley noted that the Town would need to get right of ways for the placement of signs from the BLM.

7. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to review, approve and authorize signature of the proposed Reciprocal Aid Agreement between Nye County, Town of Tonopah, Tonopah Solar Energy, LLC, and PIC Group (Nevada), Inc.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns clarified that this came from SolarReserve and Nye County as it is part of what was left to do in the development agreement signed in 2011. She explained that the draft agreement was signed off by all entities and the Nye County District Attorney. She noted that she confirmed with Darryl Lacey that Tom Seley can sign it for Chairman Downing.

Janet Hatch noted that the agreement states that the Town will only respond if they are able to. Ms. Mulkerns clarified that the Town is quite far away from the solar site so the Town can only respond within a certain time. The site is expected to have their own first responder services.

Janet Hatch motioned to approve and authorize signature of the proposed Reciprocal Aid Agreement between Nye County, Town of Tonopah, Tonopah Solar Energy, LLC, and PIC Group (Nevada), Inc. Don Kaminski seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision regarding Demand Letter in the amount of \$1,287.75 (TPU penalties) dated June 8, 2016, received June 13, 2016 from J. Michael Schaefer, JD, Entertainment Consulting & Asset Management, addressed to Chairman, Tonopah Town Board.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns explained that this was placed on the agenda as Mr. Schaefer sent a 10 day demand letter. She spoke to the DA's office as they also received the letter. Marla Zlotek spoke with Mr. Schaefer and Ms. Mulkerns spoke with District Attorney Angela Bello. Ms. Mulkerns clarified that Mr. Schaefer is demanding Tonopah Public Utilities (TPU) pay him back the penalties. She added that the next step could be that Mr. Schaefer might take this to small claims court. She emphasized that the Town Board does not have to take actions unless they want to rescind their vote.

Vice-Chairman Tom Seley asked if the Town/TPU will have representation which Chris Mulkerns affirmed.

Janet Hatch stated that the Town Board had evaluated the documentation and ordinance when Mr. Schaefer had asked the Board to waive the penalties. She stressed that it was a clear decision on the Board's part. She suggested sticking by what they had decided upon at the previous meeting.

Utility Manager Joe Westerlund explained that one of Mr. Schaefer's arguments is that TPU's penalties are the highest in the country with 10%. He clarified that this is not true. Mr. Westerlund researched other utility companies' penalties and there are many of them with a 10% penalty.

This item died for lack of motion.

9. Town Board Member's/Department Manager's/Nye County Commissioner's Comments

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated that the Town has four participants of the NyeE Communities Coalition Youth Werks Project. Three of them are helping in the field, one in the office, and one at the Convention Center. The youth work 20 hours a week and are paid for by the NyECC. She noted that they are painting the panels at the arena which will be looking great for the rodeo. Utility Manager Joe Westerlund added that the Town is installing panels at the arena and fixing the crow's nest.

Chris Mulkerns noted that the 4 R Kids events are ready to go for the 4th of July. She stated that there will be a parade, pool events, events at Joe Friel Sports Complex, and fireworks. She pointed out that they will use the newly renovated concession stand. She added that six more loads of red dirt were delivered as the Town had money left in the capital projects fund. Joe Westerlund noted that the Town still needs to fix the backstops. He stated that he hopes the High school Divisionals can be held in Tonopah.

Chris Mulkerns pointed out that the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan will be on the agenda for the 2nd meeting in July. She noted that the Tonopah Historic Mining Park (THMP) Foundation will be attending to do a presentation. She explained that they want to refurbish the headframes and would like to ask for money from the THMP capital projects fund to help get the project started. She stressed that they are doing fundraisers to help with the cost.

Ms. Mulkerns stated that Pool Manager Shari Bombard is doing a great job. The season started with nine lifeguards, but they are now down to six lifeguards. Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli added that a lot of kids are signed up for swim lessons. She noted that the number is around 80 children.

Board Member Don Kaminski asked whether Nye County will continue to fund the Central Nevada Museum in the upcoming fiscal year which Chris Mulkerns affirmed.

Mr. Kaminski inquired whether the funds from the 2007 Use and Sales Tax were deposited into the Town's account. Chris Mulkerns explained that according to Auditor Daniel McArthur the funds are there, but they were inputted incorrectly. She stressed that the Town will be able to spend what they budgeted.

Board Member Doug Farinholt stated that he has been approached by citizens that there are no lights on a certain part of Main Street and that certain crosswalks are very dangerous. Joe Westerlund explained that the State is doing improvements in the next few years to include "advanced crosswalks" in four areas so that residents and children can cross Main Street. These crosswalks will have flashing lights that a pedestrian can turn on by pushing a button. Mr. Farinholt pointed out that if Main Street had more street lights, there would not be much of a problem. Joe Westerlund noted that the plans look great and that the State wants to hold town meetings to include citizens to get feedback. He added that the State might have one lane going each way and might have a bike lane on Main Street. He stated that there were also talks about installing medians.

Don Kaminski asked whether the Town has looked into having solar lights. Chris Mulkerns clarified that the State is replacing the street lights with LED lights. Doug Farinholt inquired whether the Town will be reducing the amount of street lights to save

money. Joe Westerlund pointed out that LED lights will save about 75% of the energy cost. He stressed that an unlighted town will look like a deserted town. The Town therefore wants to keep as many lights as possible. He added that the Town has already replaced lights at the THMP and pool with LED lights. Staff will continue to replace lights in the entire Town. Mr. Westerlund stated that he was told that there may be a possibility that SolarReserve will financially support plans to replace the lights at the Tonopah Rodeo Grounds.

Doug Farinholt stated that a lot of people say the Town has been looking better in the last few years and that it looks "inviting". He added that he has heard a lot of positive comments on downtown and the Tesla charging stations. He noted that the Town could have way more at Pocket Park. Ms. Mulkerns explained that the Town has talked about a kiosk and desert landscaping. This is in the works. Mr. Farinholt commended Town staff for their great work. Joe Westerlund stated that it is almost like the businesses are in competition who can make their property look nicest.

Board Member Janet Hatch inquired about the status of the problems Fire Chief Rob Elliott had brought up a while ago. Chris Mulkerns explained that staff had a meeting the previous week with the volunteers and Nye County representatives. She stated that it was a good meeting. They will have another meeting to discuss ideas on how to move forward. She noted that she thinks it was a matter of miscommunication. Tom Seley added that he thinks it was a positive meeting.

Janet Hatch asked how the review of the ordinance is coming along. Ms. Mulkerns explained that staff is working on it. She noted that staff has to review it and discuss it in a small group. She clarified that there will be a public hearing once staff gets to it.

Janet Hatch inquired whether there was more information on the lighting and security at the Tesla charging stations. Joe Westerlund clarified that Tesla is taking care of it. Chris Mulkerns added that the Town is currently blocking one entrance and will ask for permission to change the sidewalk. She stressed that cars would destroy the pavement if people went through that way.

Doug Farinholt stated that he has noticed a tremendous difference inside the Library due to the new vents. He added that the Historical Library looks amazing. He noted that it will be beautiful when it is ready to open and that staff has been doing a great job.

Tom Seley noted that Hoss Disposal has a new employee who is doing a great job. He stated that the Town should not be hearing any more complaints.

Mr. Seley asked if the Town had received the Use and Maintenance Agreement back from "Best in the Desert" which Ms. Mulkerns affirmed.

Mr. Seley pointed out that there will be a Department of Energy Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board Meeting on July 20.

Doug Farinholt asked whether the Town ever signed the agreement with SolarReserve. Chris Mulkerns explained that the Town is waiting for the DA's office's review of the agreement. She noted that it will probably not be back to the Town this summer as it is

not a priority for the DA's office. SolarReserve is willing to wait as they want to cooperate with the Town.

Doug Farinholt commended the Tonopah Volunteer Fire Department and Volunteer Ambulance Service. He noted that they are some of the finest. He voiced concerns about the future of Tonopah regarding the status of the hospital and what might happen to property values if there is no hospital. Chris Mulkerns stated that one needs to give Renown Health a chance to build up their services. She stressed that there are lots of volunteers at the Fire Department.

10. Closure of meeting, pursuant to NRS 288.220 for purposes of conferring with Town's Management Representative regarding labor negotiation issues, and other personnel issues.

No action taken by the Board.

11. Closed meeting, pursuant to NRS 288.220 for purposes of conferring with Town's Management Representative regarding labor negotiation issues, and other personnel issues.

No action taken by the Board.

12. Discussion, deliberation, and possible decision on labor negotiations, issues and other personnel matters presented in the closed meeting.

No action taken by the Board.

13. Correspondence

Round Mountain Town Board Meeting Agenda, June 14, 2016
Pictures of new vents at the Tonopah Public Library, June 2016
Project Completion Report Jim Butler Days Armwrestling, June 9, 2016
E-mail from Eddie Hult (Nevada Rural Housing Authority), June 13, 2016
Beatty Town Advisory Board Meeting Agenda, June 27, 2016
Nye County Water District Governing Board Meeting Agenda, June 27, 2016
Nye County BOCC Meeting Agenda, June 21, 2016
Nye County Park and Recreation Advisory Board Teleconference Agenda, June 24, 2016
Round Mountain Town Board Special Meeting Agenda, June 20, 2016

Janet Hatch referred to the Project Completion Report for the Jim Butler Days Armwrestling and stated that she keeps hearing good things about the Armwrestling competition. She added that Jim Butler Days were great and that there are a lot of people who do a great job.

Tom Seley referred to the e-mail from Eddie Hult and noted that he is glad to see the senior housing project moving forward and added that he is hoping Tonopah will have an emergency room again soon.

14. Approval of Vouchers for Payment.

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers. Janet Hatch motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Doug Farinholt seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 4-0.

15. Public Comment

Bruce Jabbour stated that he would like to thank the Board Members for their support in running for County Commissioner in Esmeralda County.

16. Adjourn

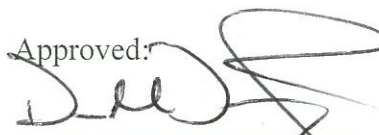
The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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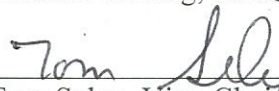


Kat Galli, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved:



Duane Downing, Chairman



Tom Seley, Vice-Chairman



Janet Hatch, Clerk



Don Kaminski, Member

Doug Farinholt, Member

TONOPAH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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Tonopah Library Board of Trustees Chairman Tom Seley called the meeting to order on June 22, 2016 at 7:26 p.m. Also present were Vice-Chairman Janet Hatch and Board Member Don Kaminski. Clerk Duane Downing and Board Member Doug Farinholt were absent. Nine others were in attendance.

1. Public Comment

None.

2. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to accept the renewal proposal from Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool (POOL) and approval for payment from Fiscal Year 2016-2017 funds.

Ken Eason of Eason Insurance introduced himself and stated that he is presenting for POOL tonight. He explained that the coverage is the same for larger and smaller entities in the POOL. He noted that the cost is down by about \$38 due to an increase in property value.

Janet Hatch motioned to accept the renewal proposal from Nevada Public Agency Insurance Pool (POOL) and approval for payment from Fiscal Year 2016-2017 funds in the amount of \$1,978.25. Don Kaminski seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to appoint Chief Financial Officer of the Tonopah Library District for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017.

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns stated that this is a formality the Board has to go through due to requirements from the Department of Taxation. Board Member Don Kaminski asked who the choices are. Chairman Tom Seley answered that the choice is Chris Mulkerns.

Janet Hatch motioned to appoint Chief Financial Officer of the Tonopah Library District for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 as Chris Mulkerns. Don Kaminski seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Library Board Member's/Department Manager's Comments

Administrative Manager Chris Mulkerns explained that Acting Librarian Dianne Ryals and her husband Eugene are continuing work on the Historical Library.

Ms. Mulkerns stated that the new vents at the Public Library are making a big difference.

Utility Manager Joe Westerlund noted that Town Maintenance staff redid the drip system at the Library and it is working nicely.

Deputy Town Clerk Kat Galli explained that she and Dianne Ryals attended the "Arts @ the Heart" Conference in Reno. They were surprised how much of it was geared towards rural areas and towns without a museum. They got great ideas and made good contacts to collaborate with. She pointed out that both of them received grant funding to be able to attend.

Chairman Tom Seley pointed out that Dianne Ryals is trying to get the LED lights ordered so they can be paid from the current fiscal year's fund to save on the energy cost.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Approval of vouchers for payment

The Board reviewed and signed the vouchers. Janet Hatch motioned to approve the vouchers as presented for payment. Don Kaminski seconded. No further discussion. Motion carried 3-0.


7. Public Comment

None.

8. Adjourn

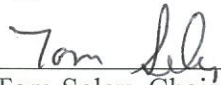
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Kat Galli, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved:



Tom Seley, Chairman



Janet Hatch, Vice-Chairman



Duane Downing, Clerk



Don Kaminski, Member

Doug Farinholt, Member